NICARAGUA CANAL PROJECT.

SENATOR FRYE TAKES EXCEPTION TO VIEWS OF MR. CANNON.

NO PROVISION FOR EXPENDITURE OF MONEY FOR WORTHLESS CONCESSION

-WHAT THE PRESIDENT WILL PROBABLY DO.

Washington, March 12 .- Some of the members of the Senate now in the city take exception to the statement of Representative Cannon, published on Saturday, concerning the defeat of the recommendation of the President in regard to the Nicaragua Canal. The statement to which the Senators take particular exception is the following one

If the Senate bill or any measure proposed paid \$5,000,000 for a worthless concession, and would have been committed by law to the construction of a canal along the Nicaragua route, and under such conditions it would have been compelled, before we threw a spadeful of earth r in any way began actual construction, to have acquired by treaty from Nicaragua and Costa Rica the territory whereon to construct a canal and the right to construct it. Such legislation would have delayed and embarrassed

construction of an Isthmian canal." Referring to this statement to-night, Senator Frye, chairman of the committee in the Senate which inserted the amendment in the River and Harbor bill, said:

The statement of Mr. Cannon, to the effect that the United States would have paid \$5,000 .-(83) for a worthless concession, if either the Senate Canal bill or any measure proposed had sen enacted, is incorrect. The Senate Canal bill provided for the appointment by the President of appraisers to value any property purchased, and the amount to be paid for any such property was limited to \$5,000,000. If it were esumed that the appraisers would pay \$5,000 .-633 for some worthless thing, and the President would have approved such action, then Mr. Cannon's statement might be correct. But ther Mr. Cannon nor any one else assumes that such a thing would have been possible.

Now, as to the canal amendment inserted in the River and Harbor bill, not a word was said about the payment of \$5,000,000 for any pur-That amendment authorized the Presiient, for and in behalf of the United States, to acquire such portion of territory now belonging to Costa Rica and Nicaragua, or such rights, easements or privileges therein, or connected therewith, as may be necessary to excavate, There is nothing in that provision requiring payment of \$5,000,000 or 5 cents. Nor is there anything in that provision requiring any to be negotiated with Nicaragua and Costs Rica to secure territory. The President was authorized to acquire it if he could, and ncy was appropriated to pay for it.

I do not, and did not, interpret that amendas I do not believe such concessions are worth it is not true that the United States would have paid \$5,000,000 for a worthless concession, uness we are to assume that the President of the United States would be a party to it. I do not think anybody will assume that. Now, the only ther proposed measure was the House bill, or the one reported to the House by Mr. Hepburn. That bill did not authorize the payment of a cent for any concession held by any corporation. Hence, I do not see what could have misled Mr. Cannon into making such a statement, unless it was the fact that, not being a member f any of the committees having this matter in charge, he was misled.

LEFT TO DISCRETION OF PRESIDENT. I see that in another part of his statement he said that the United States cannot afford to enter upon this great work until it has acquired by treaty a zone of territory whereon to construct the canal. Holding that view I do not see how he could object, as he does in another of his statement, to measures which he says would have compelled the United States, before any work could be done on the canal, to acquired by treaty from Nigaragua and Costa Rica the territory whereon to construct a canal and the right to construct it.' The fact is that a good deal was left in the Senate bill and in the Senate amendments to the River and Marbor bill, as far as this subject is concerned, to the discretion of the President. Nothing could be done except with his approval, and he was not required to pay out anything, but was merely authorized to do it. Neither did the Senate amendment to the River and Harbor bill mait the President to the Nicaragua route. The Spooner amendment, which was adopted, specially provides that, if the President is unable to make satisfactory arrangements over the Nicaragua route, he could negotiate for control or right to construct some other canal connect-ing the Atlantic and Pacific oceans." Asked what action he thought the President

Asked what action he thought the President would take under the provision finally adopted by Congress Senator Frye replied:

I think that he will add two members to the Walker Commission, and that he will direct them to proceed at once to Panama and inspect the canal there, and report on that route. By the time that is done the Walker Commission will have been able to complete its report in will have been able to complete its report, in regard to the Nicaragua route. In my opinion that report will give everything needed in the way of information as to the Nicaragua route, and there will be no necessity for acquiring any more information concerning that route."

EXTRA PAY FOR NAVAL VOLUNTEERS.

ONLY ONE CLAIM ENTERED UNDER THE PRO VISION MADE BY THE LAST CONGRESS.

Washington, March 12 (Special).-Congress in the closing hours of the last session provided an honorarium for the naval volunteers who saw active serdee in the war with Spain by an item inserted in the Deficiency act, which has apparently escaped the attention of the men affected, judging from the fact that only a single claim under its provisions has thus far been filed. The clause, which appears under the heading "Naval Establishment" in the Deficiency Appropriation act, is as follows

The officers and enlisted men comprising the temporary force of the Navy during the war with Spain who served creditably beyond the limits of the United States, and who have been or who may hereafter be discharged, shall be paid two months extra may and all such officers and enlisted men of the Navy who have so served within the limits of the United States and who have been or may hereafter be discharged shall be paid one month's extra may be the company to the compa

SENATOR JONES IMPROVING.

Washington, March 12.-Senator Jones, of Arkansas, passed a comfortable day and his physician to-night said he was resting easy.

An eminent scientist recently said: "Cod-liver Oil is truly a wonderful composition. It is seemingly Nature's remedy in almost every wasting disease."

Scott's Emulsion contains the pure oil combined with hypophosphites, it rebuilds worn tissues, enriches the blood, invigorates the nerves, stops drains and wasting. Consumptives, Diabetics, pale or thin people, or nursing mothers, should remember this. Do not accept a substitute.

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HARMONY IN WESTCHESTER. TRIBUTE TO OUR NAVY.

FRENCH EMBASSY

IN CONSTRUCTION OF WARSHIPS-WHY NOT MORE LIGHTER CRUISERS? TRIB

UTE TO ADMIRAL DEWEY. Washington, March 12.-Lieutenant De Faram of the French Navy, recently arrived here in company with the French Ambassador, M. Cambon, become naval attaché of the French Embassy. Lieutenant De Faramond has had wide experien as a naval observer, following the Japanese and Chinese vessels through the China-Japan war, and now coming here to study American naval methods, Speaking of the American Navy to-day Lieutenant

The American Navy has attracted world-wide had been enacted, the United States would have | attention within the last year and this is leading European countries to send naval attaches to This will be the first time that the French Government has had a naval attaché with the Embassy. A German naval officer is coming to the German Embassy, and other countries doubtless will follow in the same course. Since the Spanish-American war this country affords splendid facilities for naval study. It was the first real test of draw its conclusions largely from what the Ameri

can Navy accomplished in the war with Spain. "I think it is universally conceded in Europe that American Navy made a splendid record, not only in a general way, but in technical matters of navadetail. It demonstrated the effectiveness of the rapid-fire gun of medium calibre, rather than the larger guns. It also seemed to show that the power of a navy is more in its weapons of attack and offence, its capability of giving blows, rather than in its heavy armor and capability of resisting

FRANCE AWARE OF OUR NAVAL POWER. power of the American Navy even before the recent Our chief naval constructor, M. Bertin, came to this country prior to the war and made a tour of the dock yards, arsenals, etc. On his return he made an official report showing the great improvements the American naval constructors had brought about, particularly in the arrangement of bulk-heads and in the distribution of armor so as to protect vital points. We also know your American armor and are using the Harveyized American process, which has been found entirely satisfactory thus far."

Lieutenant De Faramond says foreign haval observers are not only interested in the results of the war, but are also observing the large amount of naval construction now in progress in the United States and the naval improvement it involves. From Italian naval statistics he shows that the United States is to-day reckoned second among the United States is to-day reckoned second among the Great Powers in point of warships under construction. This tonnage by countries is as follows: Great Britain, 18,132 tons; United States, 56,425, Japan, 47,526; Russia, 29,040; France, 25,688; Germany, 16,545; Italy, 2,972.

WHY SO MANY HEAVY VESSELS?

"An interesting line of inquiry," said Lieutenant De Faramond, "Is as to why you are building so ships, fronclads as we call them, as against the lighter, swifter cruiser. The ironclad is essentially a home ship, and is not fitted, owing to her bulk and lack of coal capacity, for crossing these are purely defence vessels and never leave against the protests of the property-owners has the home ports. The performance of your battle-ship Oregon, in running 13,000 miles around South men who are to be chosen to these offices. The her present trip across the Pacific is equally reards, an armored cruiser would have been much the speed, the coal and at the same time sufficient armor to make her defensive powers almost equal to those of the ironclads."

The Leutenant says that France has gone further in adopting the torpedo-boat as an effective naval weapon than any other country. She has in all some 250 torpedo-boats, some exceedingly swift.

Lieutenant De Faramond also says he thinks the adoption of the water-tube boilers in American warships will be a further improvement, and will make them much more effective for long cruising. This class of boilers, he says, has been adopted by the British admiralty for the Powerful, the Terrible and ships of that class, and generally by the naval authorities of France, Russia, Japan, Chill, Argentina and Italy. M. Viaud, a naval constructor of the French Navy, is at present in Washington on an unofficial mission, had will confer with our naval constructors on this new method of boiler construction.

"Admiral Dewey is generally recognized abroad construction.
"Admiral Dewcy is generally recognized abroad as entitled to rank as one of the great naval commanders," said Lieutenant De Faramond. "Such a man does honor to the naval fraternity the world

GEORGE COVERT A SUICIDE.

FOUND DEAD IN THE EARLY MORNING BY

A POLICEMAN George Covert, forty years old, of No. 414 Putnam-ave., Brooklyn, committed suicide yesterday morning by shooting himself through the left temple at Eastern Parkway and Rogers-ave. was found dead at this corner, which is in a thinly populated district, at 520 a.m. by Policeman card was found in the dead men's pocket, and also three letters, written to his wife, his daughter Cornella, and his sister, Mrs. Bernard Suydam, of No. 584 Madison-st. The letters were dated and were written at the Savoy Hotel, Kansas City. They told of unfortunate business specul; the West, and it is thought that Mr. tions in the West, and it is thought that Mr. Covert's large losses caused him to take his life. Mr. Covert was at one time a builder, and was associated in this business with his father, who owned a large lumber yard near Newtown Creek. His father, who died some time ago, was wealthy, and Mr. Covert was also in good circumstances. He was a member of Prospect Lodge, F. and A. M., and a Masonic ring, a gold watch, two chains and 55 cents in money were found on the body. He was an unusually large man, being more than six feet tall and weighing three hundred pounds. Mr. Covert was well liked by all his friends, and his death was a shock to the many people who lived near him and knew him. He left Brooklyn for the West about two weeks ago to look after his business enterprises, and nothing was heard of him by his family until they were informed of his suicide yesterday morning by the police.

LOSSES BY THE FIRE IN CHICAGO.

WALL OF BURNED BUILDING FELL, CRUSH ING ANOTHER-TOTAL DAMAGE ABOUT \$300,600.

Chicago, May 12-The massive fire wall on the east side of the eight-story structure at No. 207 to 211 Jackson Boulevard, which was partly destroyed by fire last night, fell almost without warning today, completely demolishing the adjoining building and setting the rains on fire. The loss on the building and contents is estimated at \$125,000, fully in-

So sudden was the collapse of the wall that a loss by last night's fire will probably be much heavier than at first thought, and it is now estimated that the total loss will approximate \$200,000. Besides the firms burned out in the buildings at Nos. 203 and 205 and Nos. 207 and 211 Jackson Boulevard, occupants of the Furth Building, to the west, ustained much damage from smoke and water. The principal losers from last night's fire were: Roston Rubber Shoe Company, \$25,000; Reedsburg Woollen Mill Company, \$10,000; Jenkins, Kreer & Co., \$40,000; Pershing & Co., clothing, \$25,000; Deering, Milliken & Co., woollens, \$25,000; Warehouse Point Sih. Company. \$20.000. McPherson & Laurle, threads. \$25,000; the building was valued at \$100,000. The building at Nos. 2.3 and 205 Jackson Boulevard was valued at \$60,000. Among the losses were the following. Warner Bros. corsets. \$20,000; Wuertsburger Bros. underwear, \$8,000. A Stark & Co., hostery, \$5,000. The buildings destroyed were in the centre of the wholesale district, and for a time the whole district was threatened with destruction, a southwest gale carrying burning brands almost half a mile. Point Silk Company, \$20,000; McPherson & Laurie

HONORS TO DEAD ON THE ROUMANIA.

APPROPRIATE SALUTES TO BE FIRED AT GOV

ERNOR'S ISLAND. Washington, March 12-The Secretary of War has sent the following order to Major-General Wesley Merritt, at Governor's Island, N. Y.:

Wesley Merritt, at Governor's Island, N. Y.

By direction of the President you will on the
arrival of the Roumania, with the remains of the
solders who were killed or bave died at Santiago
and Porto Rico fire a fitting salute order all flags
half-mast, and detail a sufficient guard of honor
to see the caskets taken off the ship and expressed
to their former homes. The Roumania is expected to arrive very soon. Will telegraph you tomorrow as early as possible the exact time.

R. A. ALGER, Secretary of War.

THE JEFFERSON-CROKER DINNER.

It was announced at the Democratic Club last night that no further details had been arranged for the big banquet on April 12 in honor of the birthday of Thomas Jefferson. The minor details are being rapidly arranged, but as yet there is nothing settled about who the invited guests and the speakers will be.

VIEWS OF THE NAVAL ATTACHE OF THE POLITICAL INDICATIONS POINT TO RE-PUBLICAN SUCCESS.

UNITED STATES SECOND AMONG GREAT POWERS REPORTS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY

people of Westchester County in the town and vil-Democrats now control the Board of Supervisors ing the Board was due to the false idea among the power two years ago, at the time the radical as sessments of property were made, was responsible for the actions of the assessors. But since the have come to understand that the increase in valuations was caused by instructions given to the assessors by a Democratic fudge, there is a much the last election Governor Roosevelt carried the ticket was elected. The Democrats this spring pro vately admit that the fight will be close, and they Republican party are now almost obliterated, and it enters the spring campaign thoroughly united, and

In New-Rochelle the Republicans have nominated for Town Clerk. The ticket is the strongest prelieved that the election will be a death blow to the local Democratic gang, and which have cost the In Rye Charles Eldredge, the present Supervisor is a candidate for re-election, and the ticket, as nounced yesterday, is exceptionally strong. The Democrats will probably indorse Mr. Eldredge if John F. Mills declines to run, as is likely.

In Harrison the Democrats will renominate

George T, Gray, and in Mamaroneck Charles M. Baxter. The Republicans have not yet made nominations in either town. Jacob Halstead, who so successfully conducted the fight against the Mamaroneck troiley company, has an offer of the nomination in Mamaroneck.

John M. Shinn, the Republican Supervisor in Pelham, has been so efficient that he has not only been renominated, but will be indorsed by the Democrats.

In East Chester neither party has made a selection, but it is believed that H. D. Lent, the present Democratic Supervisor, has ruined his chances for re-election by his actions in the recent troiley hearings. Mr. Lent was counsellor for Commissioner Creavy, who has just given a inherty-nine-year franchise to the Tarrytown. White Plains and Mamaroneck Railroad Company.

Chaincey T. Secor, of Scarsdale, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, has kept out of the troiley fight in his town, and will probably be renominated. Chauncey T. Secor, of Scarsdale, chairman of the burd of Supervisors, has kept out of the trolley that in his town, and will probably be renominated ithout opposition.

THE TROLLEY A FACTOR. In every town where there has been a trolley fight there is likely to be trouble at the village missioners. The manner in which Commissioner land, in Mamaroneck, have dealt out long fran-Mamaroneck and Pelham. In Mamaroneck the names of J. H. McLoughlin and John W. Hine; are mentioned in connection with the office of viltrolley extension, while President McLoughlin, who is a Republican, has been conservative on the question and in favor of keeping the trolley lines off the Boston Post Road. The contest in Pelham Manor is also likely to be lively, if not bitter. The trustees recently gave a franchise to the Union Railroad Company. A number of the Manor people are not satisfied with the way in which the matter was handled, and there is talk of an independent ticket being placed in the field.

In Larchmont Manor both parties have indorsed Carlsten Wendt for president. Mr. Wendt recently conducted the hearing at which the Mamaroneck trolley company was so overwhelmingly defeated for a franchise in the Manor, and although he is a Democrat the people have strong faith in his judgment and will probably re-elect him. All of the village elections will be held on Tuesday, March 21—one week before the elections for town officers.

Millard, the chairman of the Republican County Committee, are making great efforts to redeem In Mr. Millard's own township (Greenburg) the convention met at Protection Hall, Hastings-onthe-Hudson on Saturday afternoon, in Gross, of Tarrytown, and John McCullough of Irvington, secretaries. The following nominations were then made: Supervisor, George H. Menzles, of Irvington, Town Clerk, Charles Dunsmore Millard, of Tarrytown, Tax Receiver, W. W. Brown, of Ardsley, Justices of the Peace, Charles McCutchen, of Tarrytown, and Bettrand F. Tompkins, of Hasdings, Assessors, William H. Lester, of Dobbs Ferry, John H. Briggs, of Tarrytown, and Irenty J. Kaufman, of Ardsley, and Poormaster, Alexander Smith, of Dobbs Ferry. The ticket was nominated in the Interests of harmony, and as all parts of the town are represented by strong candidates its success seems assured.

The Democrats of Greenburg held their town convention on Saturday afternoon at Curtiss's Hall, in Tarrytown, Alexander McClelland, of Dobbs Ferry, was renominated for Supervisor; Charles W. B. Dammann, of Tarrytown, for Town Clerk, Christopher Harmon, of White Plains, for Tax Receiver, and John F. Hoctor, of Tarrytown, for Justice of the Peace. of Irvington, secretaries. The following nomina

MOUNT PLEASANT ASSESSMENTS.

While the town meetings to be held on March 28 will be of extraordinary interest to politicians and people alike, owing to the fact that more offiare to be elected than ever before at a spring latful if a town in Westchester County will see There are three tickets in the field Republican, Democratic and Socialist Labor, paramount issue in the campaign just opened

is the tax assessment question. The faxpayers realize that they have been made the innocent victims of needless litigation and expense, growing out of the outrageous assessments on the Whiham and John D. Rockefeller estates.

The contest for the assessorship will be the most bitter ever held, and the cancidates for other offices will be of secondary consideration. The Republicans, with Charles M. Lane running for Supervisor, feel sure of success, as the Democratis are unable to find any one willing to head their ticket. Daniel P. Hays, President of the village of Pleasantille, who received the nomination, does not

Daniel P. Hays, President of the village of Pleasantville, who received the nomination, does not want the office, as his large law practice in New-York, needs all his time.

In Doblis Ferty, he independent Citizens have made the following nominations for village officers: President, Willam L. Cushing; Trustees, Joseph Dunbar and Expert Uchtman, Village Treasurer, William H. Todd, and Tax Collector, Charles H. Martin, The Republicans have indorsed these neminees and have given them the party nomination. In the village of North Tarrytown the indications point to a hot contest at the charter election to be held on March H. The citizens, who are opposed to the present government, have formed an organization and numinated the following teket. President, John Webber, Trustees, Thomas Relly, Matthew Meade and John Eagan, sr. Treasurer, Evander Farrington, and Tax Collector, Andrew Tracy.

IN SING SING AND WHITE PLAINS.

Both Democrats and Republicans hold their pri maries for the nominations of candidates for town offices in Sing Sing this afternoon. The Dem cratic primary promises to be a warmly contested affair. The party in Ossining is divided, and there will be a bitter fight over the election of a Town Committee and some of the minor offices between the Nelson and Larkin wings of the party. There will be no opposition to the renomination of Gilbert Todd for Supervisor. The Republican primary will be a different affair. There will be will be a different affair. There will be a sharp but entirely friendly contest over nominations for Overseers of the Poor, Highway Commissioners and constables, but for Supervisor, Assessors, Town Clerk and Justlees of the Peace the party is united upon the strongest men that could be named for the several offices. Factional differences in the Republican perty of this town, which have run high of late years, seem to have been set aside, for the time being, at least. Leaders of both Wings declare that at the coming election the entire Republican ticket will be supported from top to bottom. There will be no opposition to the re-election of the present Town Committee, a fact which in itself shows that the Republicans are much more united and harmonious than they have been in a long time. Much of this good feeling and harmony is due to the personal popularity of John F. Jenkins, who will be the candidate for Supervisor. He is a young man, but has already given years of faithful, earnest and unselfish work for the party. He is a Republican by inheritance, his father having been one of the founders of the party in this county, and the first Register of Deeds to hold the office when it was instituted in this county in the cavity diffies. The admiration which is felt in this law for Mr. Jenkins was increased last year when went to the front with Company C. Tis Register for the party in the cavity diffies. The admiration which is felt in this law for Mr. Jenkins was increased last year when went to the front with Company C. Tis Register of Deeds to hold the office when it was instituted in this county in the cavity diffies. The admiration which is felt in this law for Mr. Jenkins was increased last year when we went to the front with Company C. Tis Registery of the party in this county in the cavity diffies. The admiration which is felt in this law for Mr. Jenkins was increased last year when we went to the front with Company C. Tis Registery of the party is the second last year when we went to the front with Company C but entirely friendly contest over nominations for

night placed in nomination without opposition for town offices the following candidates: Supervisor, William T. Sterling: Town Clerk, John R. Pyel Justices of the Peace, George Truman Capron and William P. Maynard: Assessors, Elijah T. Hopkins, John J. Thompson and William H. Huestis: Receiver of Taxes, Frederick H. Bergs. The following Town Committee was chosen: John Emberson, John, P. Moran, J. W. Stafford, Charles E. Birch, F. H. Hessels, J. J. Brown, John R. Breese and Richard Maney. In this town, which is the home of many influential leaders of both wings of the Republican party in the county, both sides have come to the decision that factional questions shall be left out of the town election. The ticket nominated on Saturday contains the names of men from both sides, and, aside from the personal popularity of the several candidates, is strong in the fact that it will receive the united support of all Republicans. It is some time since the prospects for a Republican victory at the spring election in this town were as bright as they are at present.

In Peekskill the ticket has the united and earnest support of the whole Republican vot and the leaders are confident of success in Cortlandt Township, and from the Putnam County line to New-York's annexed district there is one word among Republicans, harmony, and that, it is confidently assertied, means victory. asserted, means victory

LOOKING FOR TROUBLE AT DOVER.

ORDERS TO PREVENT DISTURBANCE AT FINAL SESSION TO-DAY.

Dover, Del., March 12 (Special).-Because of the many rumors of serious trouble at the State House to-morrow. President Salmon appeared there to-night and issued the following written

To Stockley Daniels, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, and Andrew W. Isham, Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives: Having been sworn in as the peace officers of this General Assembly, it is incumbent upon me as presiding officer of the Joint Assembly to in-form you that threats have reached the Chair of an attempt to stiffe or otherwise interfere with the final balloting for United States Senator, be-

ginning at noon to-morrow You and each of you will therefore see that no persons other than members and their wives are allowed upon the floor of the House, and that the gallery doors are also closed when the lob-bies are comfortably filled. Any outburst or disorderly remarks from the crowd so gathered will decorum of the Assembly and the dignity of, and, if necessary, you will be assisted by the Sheriff of Kent County.

Given under my hand and seal this 12th day

of March, 1899, at Dover CHARLES H. SALMON,
President Pro Tem. of the Senate of Delaware.

President Salmon was talked with at his rooms at the Hotel Richardson last night concerning the reports and the belief among Republicans that he would rule an early separation of the two houses and walk out, knowing that the Regular Republicans must follow and break the

"You can say that there will be a full and a fair ballot to-morrow, if it takes all the peace officers in Kent County to secure it. There be no summary dealing on the part of the Chair and only the will of the majority, as obtained by actual count, will be regarded. We have determined to proceed with a clear floor, because the record of this Assembly for dignified and fair dealings, even in the midst of intense factiona differences, must be maintained. If anybody thinks he can make a theatrical gallery out of the lobbies, or that this General Assembly proposes to be trifled with, let him start disorder, and we will land him behind prison bars in a

twinkling." There is some difference of opinion as to when the joint Assembly must adjourn. Both houses adopted a joint resolution to adjourn at 3 o'clock on Monday, the thirteenth day of March, but it is now contended by prominent lawyers that such a resolution need not affect the joint Assembly, which resolves into a distinct body of itself, and that the balloting can continue until midnight. Four years ago, when the 3 o'clock rule was adopted, and Addicks and Higgins had locked horns, the members kept shoving back the hands of the State House clock until it was nightfall before the hands pointed to 3 o'clock. Speaking upon this question Presi dent Salmon said.

"As each house agreed by resolution to ad journ at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, when that hour arrives no declaration of adjourn-ment other than the fall of the gavel will be menessary. Each house having adjourned there will be no Senate and no House, which will therefore mean no Assembly."
Senator Abbott, who leads off the voting for Senator, and is an ardent Addicks supporter,

Beginning at noon to-morrow the first at-tempt of this Legislature will be made to elect a United States Senator. At every prior meet-ing of the joint Assembly the effort on the part of the Regular Republicans has been to adjourn, and few of them have ever voted otherwise. aid to-night: of the Regular Republicans has been to adjourn, and few of them have ever voted otherwise. They will certainly remain to-morrow and thereby demonstrate that they are in earnest to make a United States Senator. We therefore feel confident that a Senator will be elected to-morrow. The hands of the clock will not be turned back, except by other than Union Republican directions. In Pennsylvania all factions have been parties to breaking apprings been parties to breaking quorums Union Republicans of Delaware never

MR. CROKER UNABLE TO SEE IT.

HE SAYS COMPLACENTLY THAT HE DOES NOT THINK EX-SENATOR HILL INTENDED TO REFER SLIGHTINGLY TO HIS

Both Republican and Democratic politicians were nuch interested yesterday in the speech m the Lotos Club on Saturday night by ex-Senator David B. Hill, which was printed in The Tribunyesterday morning. Most of those who read the ech considered It a deliberate and open defiance of Richard Croker; but some of those who heard it, from the subtle intonation of the speaker, looked pen it as showing the ex-Senator's contempt for Mr. Croker's club, his big dinner and his way of carrying on the recent campaign that ended with election of Governor Roosevelt. At this dinner all political creeds were represented. There reference to the property of the property of the party of the property of the

merning. He had nothing to add to what he had already said.
When Mr. Croker was seen last night he admitted that he had read Mr. Hill's speech, but confessed that he did not outle understand it. There are those who think that Mr. Croker is hardly subtle enough to follow Mr. Hill's ways and language, and so they can understand his mystification. Mr. Croker said: "I have read Mr. Hill's speech, and I do not think that he meant to refer slightingly to the club of to the dinner. You know a man often talks pokingly over the coffee after dinner, and says things in a bantering way that take on an entirely different aspect when seen in print. I expect the papers tampered a little with his speech and I do not think Mr. Hill meant anything in the way of an attack on the club or the dinner."

UNWILLING TO BE SUPREME COURT JUDGE.

DAVID T. WATSON DECLINES GOVERNOR STONE'S APPOINTMENT.

Harrisburg, March 12 .- Governor Stone received a letter to-day from David T. Watson, of Pittsburg, dated March 11, thanking him for the honor conferred in tendering him the appointment of Su-preme Court Judge, to fill the vacancy created by he death of Judge Henry Williams, of Wellsboro. Mr. Watson says that, after the best consideration Mr. Watsor, says that, after the pest consideration he is able to give the matter, he finds himself unable to accept the appointment. He is a leading member of the Pittsburg bar, and is one of Senator Quay's counsel in the conspiracy charges pending against the Senator and his son in the Philadelphia court. In politics Mr. Watson is a

FOR COMPETITION IN THE SOUTH.

LINK ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA CONNECTING PLANT SYSTEM WITH ATLANTIC AND DANVILLE ROAD.

Richmond, Va., March 12.-A Danville special telegram to "The Dispatch" says it develops from trustworthy sources that the North and South trustworthy sources that the North and South Carolina Railroad, recently chartered by the former State, and which, it was given out, was to be a local road to develop copper mining and milling interests, is really intended to connect the Atlantic and Danville Railroad and the Plant system. The idea is to form a link across North Carolina that will give a system in competition with the Southern Road, the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line. Mr. Newgass, the owner of the Atlantic and Danville, is credited with being the prime mover in the new road and is said to be heavily backed by English capitalists. HARNESS RACING.

NEWS AND GOSSIP OF TRACK AND ROAD

THIS YEAR-HARMONY IN THE PARKWAY

Louisville and Dubuque announced for the cam-

paign of 1899, interest in the horses likely to figure among turfmen. If the entries were in and winter (2:06%) and Directum Kelly (2:08%) would be installed hot favorites six months before the date the first race. Bingen has been recognized as one of the fastest of trotters ever since his public trial made in a winning race at Louisville last fall, and his performances in 1898 were of the opinion that Bingen then possessed speed enough to equal or beat the champion stellion record of Directum, 2.05%. The handsome son of May King is heavily his pronounced aversion to scoring on the inside, to take the inside track in scoring for the next often breaks and drops away to the rear as soon as of equally high class, he would be hopelessly beaten before reaching the quarter-pole, but his flight speed is so great that Driver Henry Titer often made up the lost ground in these circumstances times he laid Bingen up after these costly breaks and made no effort to win. Bingen's Louisville race was a fair example of his style. In that coneighth, fourth, first, fifth and first, "notional" as Bingen is, his buck-jumping breaks having cost him more than one race which his speed should have enabled him to win. At Fleetwood one day in 185 Trainer John Kelly gave the headstrong youngster a trouncing which apparently took the nonsense out of his head, for the great colf won eight consecutive races last year in the best of company. He was believed by many horsemen to be a 206 trotter when his campaign suddenly ended at the Glens Falls meeting in the Grand Circuit. Although catarrhal fever was generally understood to be the cause of his sudden retirement, the report got abroad that one of his legs was alling, and there was some speculation as to whether he would answer the starter's bell again. In an interview at Chicago the other day his owner, James Butler, is reported to have said there was nothing in the story, and that the son of Direct is perfectly sound. Some of the keenest turfmen in the country would not be surprised to see either Directum Kelly or Bingen lower the stallion record in the approaching campaign. On the other hand, there are those who point to the fact that no trotting stallion ever gained a record as fast as 2:09 and improved it the following year. These turfmen say that neither Bingen nor Directum Kelly is likely to win any one of the big races, their belief being that some fresh young horse not now in the fast list will come on and lower the colors of all the cracks in sight. "notional" as Bingen is, his buck-jumping breaks

The factional cortest of long standing which Parkway Driving Club last week is believed to have cleared the course for united action in the future, and the horsemen of that organization are ooking forward to a season of excellent sport at the Brooklyn half-mile track. Although ex-District-Attorney Foster L. Backus and his friends were defeated in the election by James Shevlin, ex-Sen-ator John McCarty and Frank Creamer, they kept their experienced political workers busy from th start to the finish of the contest for control. The opposition of Mr. Backus and his party was diopposition of Mr. Backus and his party was differently and the party was different Creamer and Secretary W. C. Allen as it was against the policy of the Board of Directors in leasing the clubhouse for 31 a year, when \$1.000 had been offered. One of the results of the contest for control was to put into the treasury of the club something like \$1.200 in annual dues, about forty delinquent members having paid up just before election in order to vote.

Simpson to train and drive the trotters and pacers of the Empire City Stud in this year's campaign. Starr was for several years Budd Doble's chief as-ristant, and later drove Directum, 2:05%; Little Alert, 2:10; Mattie H, 2:11%, and the pacers Flying Jib, 2:04; Direct, 2:05%, and San Pedro, 2:10%, for Monroe Salisbury, of California, Since 1893 Starr has trained a public stable at Terre Haute. In that Zambia to a record of 2:13% for Major S. T. Dick-Zambla to a record of 2:13½ for Major S. T. Dick-inson. Three years ago Start brought out the crack pacing stallion Planet, 2:04½, now owned by W. H. Reynolds, of Brookjyn. The horse was bred and reared by the Terre Houte reinsman, who sold him for \$5,000, after winning the fastest six-heat pacing race on record. At the Empire City Stud Starr will handle for Mr. Simpson a lot of young trotters by Hummer, the sire of the four-year-old Transylvania winner Bouncer, 2:19.

Carthy will train this year is the six-year-old bay mare Anona, owned by Andrew J. Freedman, of the New-York Baseball Club. She was bred by J. Malcolm Forbes, of Boston, and is by Arion, 2:07%, from Edgeline, a sister to Edgemarck, 2:16. It is said that she trotted a half-mile in 1:07—a 2:14 gaft-in her work last season, and as she has no record faster than 238 McCarthy says she looks like a winner. Besides Anona, McCarthy is now fitting for the spring campaign William Kelly's bay trotting stallon Dan Cupid, 239%, by Barney Wilkes; A. J. Weish's Casselton, 236%, by Chimes, and Baker, 234%, by Sphinx, and Patrick Ryan's double-gaited stallion Exploit, with a trotting record of 239%, and a pacing record of 238%. Exconditions. record faster than 2:38 McCarthy says she looks

ploit has heretofore worn hoppies and numer other artificial appliances in his races, but his r trainer says he is going to do away with all si contraptions in training him this year.

A race for trotters, under saddle, with amatue riders up, is talked about for one of the Eastern Grand Circuit meetings this year, the theory of th motors being that such a feature would increa the attendance. Trotting under saddle was one at Fleetwood a few years ago, but instead c effect, if it had any effect at all. Racing under saddle was frequently resorted to forty years ago as a means of handicapping horses of unequa speed, but the fashion died a natural death as es trotters began to be classified according to the The trotting horse is a public records. will agree that there is any more consistency of reason in racing him under the saddle than there would be in harnessing to sukkles the candidates for the Suburban or the Brooklyn Handicap. The pacing horse is much more of a saddle horse than the trotter is.

A letter received in this city last week from Trainer Frank Starr, who is now in Russia, brought the news that a trotting stallion well known on track and road in New-York a few years ago had won the International Prize at Moscow thi year. The race is at two miles, for a large purse, and is one of the most important trotting conter bay stallion, by Stranger, the son of Goldsm Marsh and Thomas Lynch, and was trained a record of 2:20% at Giens Fails. Curiously enough, the horse that finished second in the race for the International Prize was another New-York trotter, Nominee, 2:174, formerly owned by William Simpson, and like Bayreuth, a son of Stranger, Henry N. Smith bred both horses at the famous Fashion Stud near Trenton. Colonal Ruser, 2:114, another son of Stranger, was the champion trotter of Europe in 187, Kuser and his sire are now owned in Austria.

The floodgates of memory were opened to many the announcement that the famous gray horse Charley Ford, 2:10%, was dead. Ford's chief claim to distinction lay in having been the only horse that wrested a single heat from the unbeaten Maud S. He did this at Buffalo in 1880, but the contest was a fluke. Mand S. having been laid up. The gray horse gained his record nineteen years ago in a race of unsavory notoriety against Hannis, at Chicago, losing in slow time, after having won two heats. His mile in 2:162, had been beaten by only ten trotters at the time it was made. Ford won thirty-eight races and more than 150 heats while on the turf. He was twenty-eight years old when he died in Chicago a few days ago. was a fluke. Maud S. having been laid up. Th

Norfolk, Va., will open the trotting season in the Southeastern Spring Circuit this year, as usual, with a four-days' meeting, beginning May 16. Then will follow on succeeding weeks at the two half-mile tracks in Baltimore, and the two mile tracks in Philadelphia, keeping the horses busy up to the middle of June. Following the horses meeting in Philadelphia the Central New-York Circuit will open at Elmira, according to the present schedule, and the long series of meetings in this league will continue until September. The New-England Circuit will open June 5, at Combination Park, Roston, and continuing without interruption until late in October, at Providence, Portland, Old Orchard and Hartford.

STUDENT'S STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE.

NO TRACE OF THE HOLDER OF THE STINNECKE SCHOLARSHIP AT PRINCETON.

Princeton, N. J., March 12.-The members of the senior class are aroused over the disappearance of Richard Webster, '99, of Islip, Long Island, Over two weeks ago Webster left the university to visit his parents on Long Island, and after remaining home a few days supposed, for Princeton. His father awaited letter from him, but none came and he telegraph to President Patton asking if his son had returned to the university. Yesterday President Patton ordered an investigation, but no trace of Webster could be found. Webster won the Stin-necke scholarship at the beginning of his sopho-more year. This prize gives to the winner \$500 annually through the rest of college course.

NEW PORTLAND STEAMSHIP COMPANY. Portland, Me., March 12.-A corporation has been steamship business called the Portland Consolidated Steamship Company. The capital is \$500,000, of which nothing has been paid in. The fact that the interested persons are also interested in the Portinterested persons are also interested in the Portland Steamship Company, which owned the ill-fated Portland, has led to a report that this company has been formed to build a new steamer to take her place, in order to avoid any legal compilications which might follow the building of a new boat by the Portland Steamship Company, through the filing of claims on behalf of sufferers by the disaster to the Portland.

The directors are John Englis, Charles M. Englis and Horatio Hall, of New-York City; Joseph S. Ricker, Charles F. Libby, J. S. Winslow, W. Forbes and John F. Liscomb of Portland. The president is John Englis, the treasurer John F. Liscomb and the clerk John S. Liscomb.

HEAVY SNOWFALL IN IOWA. Des Moines, Iowa, March 12.—Rain yesterday turned to snow in the evening, which at midnight had developed into one of the worst storms of the winter. Some four or five inches of snow had failen, which is being drifted by a gale blowing thirty miles an hour. Streetcar traffic is tied up

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